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### Practice Areas

Business & Commercial  
Litigation

Class Action Defense

Construction

Environmental & Toxic Torts

Products Liability

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### Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 1991

Texas, 2006

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### Education

Tulane University Law  
School, J.D., 1991, *cum  
laude*

Louisiana State University,  
B.S. in Criminal Justice,  
1987, Dean's List

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Luis Leitzelar has represented plaintiffs and defendants in complex commercial litigation for over 17 years. He has litigated cases to judgment on behalf of individual and corporate clients in state and federal courts. He has also argued before numerous appellate courts, including the Louisiana courts of appeal and the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. As trial and appeal counsel, he has defended many cases involving allegations of personal injury, property damage, and economic loss resulting from alleged exposure to toxic substances, and has tackled all phases of complex mass tort litigation. He has advised clients on the effects of federal and state regulations, and has assisted them in permitting, compliance, and other activities required for their operations. Mr. Leitzelar was appointed and served as liaison counsel in the Superfund and class action proceedings captioned *In re: Combustion, Inc.*, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

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### Memberships

- American Bar Association (Member, Sections of Environment, Energy and Resources, and Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section)
- Baton Rouge Bar Association
- Charles W. Lamar, Jr. YMCA (Board of Directors, 2006 to date)

- Defense Research Institute
  - Hispanic National Bar Association
  - Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
  - Louisiana Hispanic Lawyers Association
  - Louisiana State Bar Association (Member, Sections on Environmental Law and Minority Involvement, Vice-Chair, 2004 to date; Secretary/Treasurer, 1999–2004)
  - Special Olympics Louisiana (Board of Directors, 1997–1999)
  - Tulane Alumni Association, Baton Rouge Chapter
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#### **Languages**

- Spanish
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#### **Court Admissions**

U.S. Supreme Court, 1995

5th Cir., 1997

E.D. La.

M.D. La.

W.D. La., 1991